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ALUMINUM ALLOY
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FOR AIR CONDITIONER
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PRODUCING THE SAME
Examiner : Unassigned
Group Art Unit : Unknown

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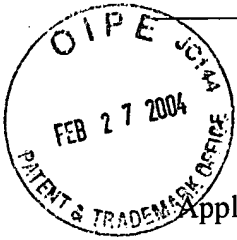
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Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing twelve references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 09/771,309, filed January 26, 2001, which is the parent of this continuation application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). Also enclosed are copies of the Office Actions from the parent application.

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